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TOPIC Reichenberger Bridge in Goerlitz

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PAGES 1 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 3 - 1 photograph of town plan

REMARKS 1 photograph of bridge

1 original blueprint *

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1. The Reichenberger Road Bridge across the Lausitzer Neisse River in Goerlitz carries National Highways R-6 leading to Hirschberg and R-115 leading to Liegnitz. The bridge is the only connection between the Soviet and Polish occupied sectors of Goerlitz. The wooden superstructure of the bridge rests on 12 wooden piers and two concrete piers. The abutments of the bridge are concrete, and the approaches to the bridge are firm. The bridge replaced the temporary structure previously built there. *
2. The bridge was built in 1946 and is in good condition. Its overall length is 98 meters. It has 15 spans, each 6 meters long. Its roadway is 6 meters wide and there are footpaths 1 meter wide at each side. The roadway is made up of planks 5 cm thick resting on beams 8 cm thick. The river has a gravel bottom and is 2 to 2 1/2 meters deep at low water, and 6 to 7 meters at high water. The width of the river under the bridge is 47 meters at low water and upward of 90 meters at high water. The river banks consist of loam and sand and have an angle of slope of 25 to 30°.
3. The bridge, which has a carrying capacity of 60 tons, is blocked to all civilian traffic. It is guarded by Soviet and Polish soldiers. AA gun emplacements or field fortifications were not observed. Information on plans for demolishing the bridge is not available. Demolition holes have not been made. **
4. The other road bridges and the railroad bridge in Goerlitz are still destroyed. There are no indications that they will be reconstructed. ***

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. For location of bridge, see item 4, Annex 1. For photograph of bridge, see Annex 2.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. The bridge, which is in the course of two important through-roads, is of great importance to the Soviets as a connection to their units stationed in the Liegnitz area. The still destroyed railroad viaduct was reported on previously.

25X1A *** [redacted] Comment. For the location of other road bridges in Goerlitz, see items 1, 2, 3, and 6 in Annex 1. For the location of the railroad bridge, see item 5.

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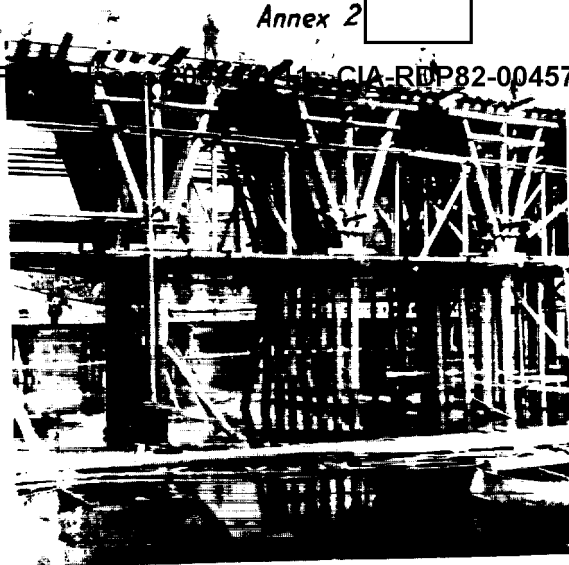
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Foreground: New Bridge under construction

Background: Emergency Bridge was dismantled

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